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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have the updated statistical details of the physically handicapped persons in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to open more schools and vocational training centres for the physically handicapped particularly for the blind, deaf and dumb in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the statistical details of the existing such schools and vocational training centres in the country, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Government has included a question on disability in the household schedule for ascertaining the number of disabled persons including physically handicapped in the Census enumeration of 2001. Details of compilation and analysis of data collected during the course of census 2001 are not yet available.

(c) & (d) Six National Institutes have been set up as apex level institutions with focus on Man Power Development, Vocational Training, Research under each category of disability by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. Under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities over 300 organizations have been given assistance during the year 2001-2002 for running projects for education and vocational training for physically handicapped. A statement indicating the total number of organizations assisted and amount of assistance given thereof state wise under the Scheme during last three years is annexed.